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SUBJECT: PROCEDURE FOR ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

SUMMARY: ADB MANAGEMENT HAS PROPOSED PROCEDURES FOR ELECTION OF NEW PRESIDENT WITH TERM TO COMMENCE ON NOVEMBER 24, 1976. USADB PLANS TO SUPPORT. END SUMMARY.

1. OFFICE OF ADB PRESIDENT WILL BECOME VACANT ON NOVEMBER 23, 1976 AS PRESIDENT SHIRO INOUE HAS INDICATED HE DOES NOT INTEND TO SEEK RE-ELECTION WHEN HIS PRESENT TERM EXPIRES. UNDER ARTICLE 34(1) OF ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT, BOARD OF GOVERNORS, BY MAJORITY VOTE REPRESENTING NOT LESS THAN MAJORITY OF TOTAL VOTING POWER OF MEMBERS, SHALL ELECT A NATIONAL OF A REGIONAL MEMBER COUNTRY AS PRESIDENT.

2. BANK PROPOSES TO ADOPT PROCEDURE SIMILAR TO ONE USED IN 1972 UPON RESIGNATION OF FORMER PRESIDENT TAKESHI
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WATANABE BEFORE EXPIRY OF HIS FULL SECOND TERM. THIS

WOULD ALLOW SUFFICIENT TIME FOR (A) CALLING AND RECEIPT OF NOMINATIONS AND (B) CONDUCT OF BALLOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 34(1) ON BASIS OF NOMINATIONS RECEIVED FOR TERM OF ELECTED PRESIDENT TO COMMENCE ON NOVEMBER 24, 1976. PROPOSED DECISION HAS THEREFORE BEEN SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS WHEREBY ELECTION WOULD BE CONDUCTED AFTER NINTH ANNUAL MEETING OF BOARD OF GOVERNORS BUT WITHOUT HOLDING A SPECIAL MEETING OF GOVERNORS.

3. PROCEDURES FOR CONDUCT OF ELECTION TO BE RECOMMENDED BY DIRECTORS TO CHAIRMAN OF BOARD OF GOVERNORS WOULD INCLUDE:

A. REQUEST BY CHAIRMAN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOR ALL GOVERNORS TO SUBMIT NOMINATIONS TO CHAIRMAN AT BANK HEADQUARTERS TO REACH HIM BY JUNE 27, 1976;

B. ON RECEIPT OF NOMINATION, SECRETARY OF BOARD WOULD PROCEED TO CONDUCT BALLOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 34(1) WITH GOVERNORS TO BE ASKED TO CAST VOTES BY MAIL OR CABLE BY JULY 28, 1976; AND

C. IF NO CANDIDATE RECEIVEDS REQUIRED MAJORITY IN FIRST BALLOT, SUCCESSIVE BALLOTS WILL BE CONDUCTED; AND, IF THERE ARE MORE THAN TWO CANDIDATES, CANDIDATE WITH SMALLEST NUMBER OF VOTES SHALL BE EXCLUDED FROM NEXT BALLOT.

4. ADB DOC. EX/SEC. M2-76 ON ABOVE SUBJECT BEING POUCHED APRIL 14 AND IS SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON MAY 13. USADB PLANS TO SUPPORT PROPOSED PROCEDURES.
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